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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name BLENHEIM Amendment (Boundary Increase)  
other names/site number VDHR File No. 15-66

2. Location

street & number E side SR 648, 3500' S of jct. SR 604 not for publication n/a  
city or town Spring Mills vicinity x  
state Virginia code VA county Campbell code 031 zip code 24538

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this x nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property x meets    does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant    nationally x statewide    locally. (    See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

W. C. Miller  
Signature of certifying official

March 7, 1994  
Date

Director, Virginia Department of Historic Resources  
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property    meets    does not meet the National Register criteria. (    See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting or other official \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

State or Federal agency and bureau \_\_\_\_\_

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:

   entered in the National Register \_\_\_\_\_  
See continuation sheet.  
   determined eligible for the \_\_\_\_\_  
National Register  
   determined not eligible for the \_\_\_\_\_  
National Register  
   removed from the National Register \_\_\_\_\_  
   other (explain): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Keeper \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
of Action

**5. Classification**

Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)

☒ private  
☐ public-local  
☐ public-State  
☐ public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

☒ building(s)  
☐ district  
☐ site  
☐ structure  
☐ object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>0</u>	<u>7</u> buildings
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> sites
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> objects
<u>0</u>	<u>7</u> Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 1Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.) N/A**6. Function or Use**

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: **DOMESTIC** Sub: **Single dwelling**  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: **DOMESTIC** Sub: **Single dwelling**  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**7. Description**

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

**EARLY REPUBLIC: Federal**  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation **BRICK**  
walls **WOOD: Weatherboard**  
roof **WOOD: Shingle**  
other \_\_\_\_\_

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)



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**10. Geographical Data**

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Acreage of Property 334 acres

UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

	Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
1	17	680760	4122490	2	17	681560 4121690
3	17	681530	4121540	4	17	681860 4121340

x See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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name/title Calder Loth, Senior Architectural Historian

organization Virginia Department of Historic Resources date January 11, 1994

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**Additional Documentation**

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Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

**Maps**

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.  
A sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage  
or numerous resources.

**Photographs**

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

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**Property Owner**

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(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name Mr. and Mrs. Douglas A. Crowtherstreet & number Blenheim Farm, Route 1 telephone 703-371-4865city or town Concord state VA zip code 24538

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**SUMMARY DESCRIPTION**

Blenheim is a 334-acre plantation situated along Falling River in a rural setting in eastern Campbell County. The long, narrow tract preserves the approximate boundaries and acreage that have defined the property since the second quarter of the nineteenth century and perhaps earlier. These historic boundaries preserve the historic rural context for the house and consist of Noland's Mill Road (route 648) and Rocky Branch on the southwest, Red Oak Spring Mills Road on the northwest, and Falling River on the east. Marlborough Creek and Prince Eugene of Savoy Creek mark sections of the northern boundary. The focal point of the property is the weatherboarded, story-and-a-half, Federal period plantation house situated at the end of a long cedar-lined lane above fields overlooking the bottom lands of Falling River. The upland portion of the property is mostly wooded and provides a visual buffer against encroaching modern housing. The house itself has a high degree of historic integrity, preserving original porches, beaded weatherboarding, louvered shutters, and striking, provincially conceived Federal woodwork. The main stair is noted for its outstanding carved decoration. To the east of the house is the remnants of an early formal garden which may possess archaeological potential. Scattered about the property are various visually compatible but non-contributing late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century outbuildings and farm buildings. None of these buildings have any particular distinction and all are outside the period of significance. No structures within the period of significance remain in property.

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**GEOGRAPHIC DATA**

**UTM References (continued)**

5. 17/682320/4121400
6. 17/682340/4121660
7. 17/682640/4121430
8. 17/682040/4120600
9. 17/689050/4121420
10. 17/680400/4122370

**Verbal Boundary Description**

Beginning at a point on the southern right-of-way of county route 604 delineated by UTM reference 1. 17/680760/4122490, proceed southeast some 3800' to a point delineated by UTM reference 2. 17/681560/4121690, thence south some 600' to a point delineated by UTM reference 3. 17/681530/4121540, thence southeast some 1400' to a point delineated by UTM reference 4. 17/681560/4121340, thence east some 1600' to a point delineated by UTM reference 5. 17/682320/4121400, thence northeast some 800' to a point delineated by UTM reference 6. 17/682340/4121660, thence south some 1200' to a point on the west bank of Falling River delineated by UTM reference 7. 17/682640/4121430, thence southwest along the said west bank some 3400' to a point delineated by UTM reference 8. 17/682040/4120600, thence northwest along an unnamed tributary of Falling River some 4200' to a point on the eastern right-of-way of county route 648 delineated by UTM reference 9. 17/680950/4121420, thence northwest along the said right-of-way some 3800' to its intersection with county route 604, thence east along the southern right-of-way of county route 604 some 1100' to the point of beginning.

**Boundary Justification**

The boundaries have been expanded to incorporate the 334 acres that currently make up Blenheim Farm. The acreage and boundaries generally coincide with the boundaries that have defined Blenheim plantation since before the Civil War. They include the wooded uplands portion of the long, narrow tract; the half-mile cedar-lined lane from the country road 648, the historic approach to the property; the open fields around the house, and the bottom lands of Falling River--the historic eastern boundary of the property. The southwestern boundary is still defined by Rocky Run and Noland's Mill Road. The northern boundaries of the property are in part defined by Marlborough and Prince Eugene of Savoy creeks, also historic boundaries of Blenheim--so named along with the plantation by owner John Devereaux around 1870 in a fit of admiration for the defeat of Louis XIV. The 334 acres are essential for preserving the historic rural context of the property and shielding from view encroaching modern housing, particularly along route 648.

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All photographs are of:

**BLENHEIM, CAMPBELL COUNTY, VIRGINIA  
VDHR file number: 15-66  
Calder Loth, photographer**

DATE: November 10, 1993  
VIEW OF: vista from main house; view looking southeast  
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DATE: November 10, 1993  
VIEW OF: entrance driveway; view looking northwest  
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DATE: November 10, 1993  
VIEW OF: main house across fields; view looking east  
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DATE: November 10, 1993  
VIEW OF: field and woods from main house; view looking west  
NEGATIVE NO.: 13186  
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DATE: November 10, 1993  
VIEW OF: early 20th-century overseer's house; view looking north  
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DATE: November 10, 1993  
VIEW OF: pool house; view looking southeast  
NEG. NO.: 13187  
PHOTO 6 of 9

DATE: November 10, 1993  
VIEW OF: 20th-century garden tool shed; view looking north  
NEG. NO.: 13187  
PHOTO 7 of 9

DATE: November 10, 1993  
VIEW OF: ruinous early 20th-century barn and granary; view looking north  
NEGATIVE NO.: 13187  
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DATE: November 19, 1993  
VIEW OF: 20th-century farm equipment shed; view looking southwest  
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KEY TO SKETCH MAP

1. main house: contributing
2. 20th-century shed: noncontributing
3. 20th-century garden tool house: noncontributing
4. 20th-century pool house: noncontributing
5. 20th-century farm equipment shed: noncontributing
6. 20th-century farm machinery shed: noncontributing
7. early 20th-century ruinous barn and granary: noncontributing
8. ca. 1910 overseer's cottage: noncontributing
9. farm building (demolished)
10. farm building (demolished)
11. farm building (demolished)
12. farm building (demolished)